

Juneau County EAA Chapter 1365
Monthly Membership meeting
Virtual via Zoom
February 17, 2021

MINUTES

Officers present: Cary Winch, Linda Salzwedel, and Bill Dow, Vonda Benson

Members and Guests – Abby Frisk, Tom Chudy, Connor Trembl, Cindy Seitz, Tim Salzwedel, Dave Seitz, Cindy Seitz, Christopher Thompson, Don Schumann, Deb Schumann, Ryan Schulz

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President Vonda Benson

Treasurer's Report

Bill Dow shared the January treasurer's report. A motion was made by Tom Chudy, 2nd by Seitz to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed by member vote.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Linda Salzwedel shared the January minutes. A motion was made by Tom Chudy, 2nd by Cary Winch to accept the minutes with corrections. Motion carried by member vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Ray Aviation Scholarship update

Connor still needs written and check-ride prep. He still has until June to complete these. He flew up to Clintonville with Dave to get familiar with the area because he thinks that is where he will do the check ride. Flew with Vonda for solo endorsement. On one landing, power was lost right after touchdown. The real cold weather may have caused this so it was decided to stop flying for the day! He is working on the written prep and hopes to take it soon.

The January Chapter Video magazine.

On the video Charlie Becker mentioned that home builder's week had completed and the recorded content will be available online. He again mentioned that you can sign up for sessions available to view online. This will count toward our chapter earning the Gold, Silver or Bronze flag. There are six sessions, but you don't have to view them all. Linda has sent a link to these to everyone.

He mentioned that on April 23-25 will be the first time they will go back to in-person Chapter Leadership Training in Oshkosh. There will also be some training available for Food Service in Today's World, on March 25th. May 15 is International Learn to Fly Day. All chapters are encouraged to do a Flying Start event on that day. If you use the new online registering system for the sign-up process, the chapter will earn 2 free wrist bands to AirVenture to use any way they want to. There will be 3 EAA 2021 AirVenture weekend work parties to get ready, and one in July.

Banquet

Tom says he would like to find some Harvey Brandau memorabilia to make this the theme of the banquet if we have it this year. He is also looking for people who knew him and could tell stories. Christopher Thompson has a story to contribute. We will decide next month whether to have the banquet this year. If we do, maybe it will be outside under the pavilion.

Fly-In

Tom Chudy said he contacted Tom McDermott about the possibility that we will still have the fly-in. Tom says we need another chairman – he is seriously ready to leave this position. Tim Salzwedel suggested that this year maybe someone could shadow Tom with the sponsor contacts to learn how he handles it. Tom agreed.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Technical and Safety Report

To wrap up the discussion from last month, Dave Seitz led a discussion about whether icing is avoidable and maybe not survivable. Is it an emergency? Absolutely.

Moving on to the subject of this month: Fuel management – There were 4 fatal aircraft crashes in 2020. They all ran out of fuel. They were avoidable and probably survivable.

How to prevent: sump your tanks, check for water and contaminants. Last year a plane crashed because of contaminants in fuel over Lake Michigan. Will Jet A mix with 100LL? Yes. If they are mixed can you tell? Only if you smell or do the napkin test. Fix – fuel your own airplane. Or watch it being done. Or look at your receipt to see. IF you are supposed to fly with 100LL it is a serious thing if you get Jet A in there by mistake.

One half hour of fuel left is recommended when planning a flight, but 1 hour is better.

Is low fuel an emergency? Yes – especially in icing conditions.

How to declare an emergency? Transponder 7700. Also declare Mayday at radio. Declare emergency on 122.5 or even better – a center, instead of 122.8. See if ForeFlight or other app you might use has a “nearest” option, for center. Minneapolis center is on 124.4.

Bill Dow said - If you are really really really low on fuel, how do you manage that? Take the left tank to fumes, then continue the flight on the right tank. This is because you usually do pattern work on left turns.

Cary says with sumping tanks right after fueling – let it sit a bit before sumping.

Communications

Tom heard from the Mauston Chamber. They are looking for members that would sponsor a Business After 5 Event in April or May. They said it would look very different from prior years. Tom will find out what “very different” means. We could co-sponsor. Tom will bring an answer back next month.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Tom Chudy, seconded by Tim Salzwedel to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried by member vote.

Submitted by Linda Salzwedel, Secretary